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For: SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT HAVING A PLURALITY OF CIRCUIT REGIONS WHERE DIFFERENT POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGES ARE USED AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

**Attn: Group Director**

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In accordance with M.P.E.P section 609(A)(3), it is respectfully submitted that the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the submission of the English-language equivalent U.S. Patent No. 6,732,345 corresponding to Japanese Patent Publication No. 2001-176981 and by the partial English language translation of the relevant portions along with an English language Abstract of Japanese unexamined patent publication No. 06-260557.

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#### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document No.	Name	Date	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If appropriate)
		6,732,345 B2	Kato	5/4/2004			12/20/2000

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document	Date	Country	Translation (Yes – Abstract)
		JP 06-260557	9/16/1994	Japan	Yes - abstract and partial translation of specification
		JP 2001-176981	6/29/2001	Japan	Yes - abstract

#### OTHER DOCUMENTS

		Office Action from Japanese Patent Office for corresponding Japanese Application No. 2001-309053 dated August 10, 2004.
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